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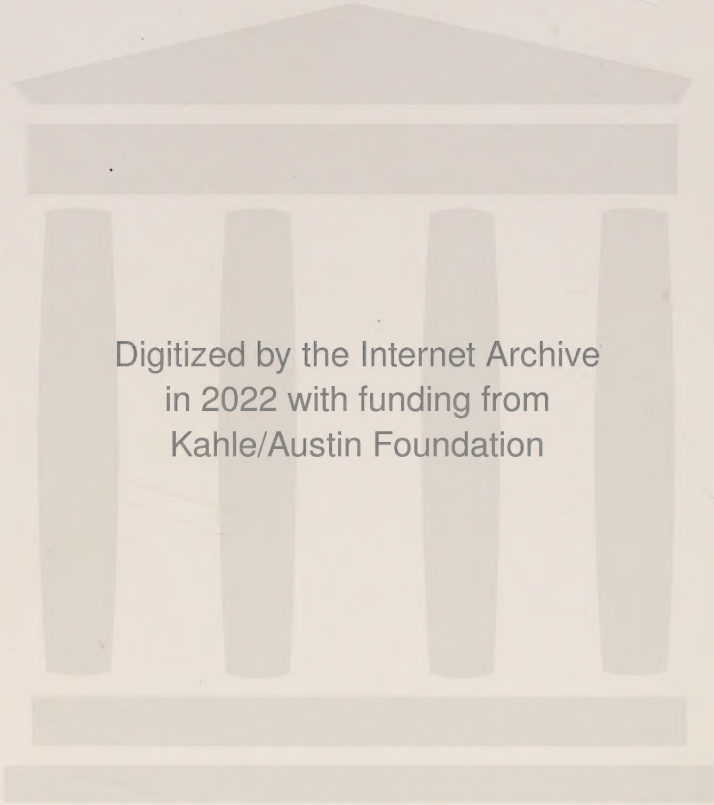
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RULES RESPECTING APPROPRIATIONS.

RULE I. Each Church receiving aid from the Convention must have a pastor, or the regular service of some minister, whose salary or compensation it holds itself responsible for, and promptly pays, according to the terms of agreement,

RULE II. Each Church seeking aid must make a written request to the Executive Committee of the Board, containing definite information on the following points: The amount of aid desired; the number in the Church, male and female; number of congregation; the amount of property in the Church and in the congregation; the name of the pastor or minister, and amount of his salary or compensation, with the conditions and manner of its being raised and paid; and other things essential to a full and fair view of the condition and prospects of the Church.

RULE III. Essential to a continuance of aid is a quarterly report to the Executive Committee of the Board, touching the following points: The general state of religious interest; the character of attendance on public worship and on the prayer meetings; the number of additions to the Church; the changes in the congregation; the amount of benevolent contributions; what missionary work has been done outside of the regular Sabbath congregations; and other things essential to a fair and full view of the condition of the Church.

RULE IV. No appropriation will be made to a Church for the payment of arrearages of pastor's salary, or any other debts contracted previous to the application of said Church for aid from the Convention.

RULE V. Every Church receiving aid must show, as a condition of the same being continued, that it contributes, as it is able, to the treasury of the Convention.

RULE VI. Churches receiving aid are requested to adopt the envelope system of weekly collections for raising money to meet the expenses of worship.

All applications for assistance, and letters of inquiry, also reports from Churches and missionaries, should be addressed to the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Convention.

Remittances of money, and whatever relates to the finances of the Board, must be made to Mr. W. R. Strong, Treasurer, Sacramento, Cal.

Communications relating to Convention matters should be addressed to Mr. W. B. Thompson, Secretary, 18 Thirteenth street, San Francisco; those pertaining to Statistics, to Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Statistical Secretary, 1708 Leavenworth street, San Francisco.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. Delegates annually chosen by regular Baptist Churches, Associations, and Auxiliary Societies, in the State of California, shall constitute this organization, to be known as the *General Baptist Convention of California.*

ART. II. The object of this Convention shall be, first, to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the establtshment of Baptist Churches in California; second, to develop and foster Sunday School work; third, to enlist Baptist Churches and Sunday Schools alike in Home Mission, Foreign Mission, and Publication Society work; fourth, to encourage the common educational interests of the Baptist denomination in the State; fifth, to promote denominational acquaintance, fellowship and growth.

ART. III. This Convention shall meet annually, on Wednesday evening after the first Sunday in May, or at such other time as it may direct. Its President, however, shall have power, upon the written request of not less than ten members of the Board, to alter the time or place of the annual meeting.

ART. IV. Any contributing Baptist Church to the treasury of this Convention may send three delegates; having one hundred members or over, four delegates; having two hundred members or over, five delegates. These numbers, in each instance, shall include the pastor or acting pastor. No Church shall exceed this last number.

ART. V. Any person contributing twenty-five ($25) dollars to the treasury of this Convention shall be a life member, with full freedom to all its deliberations, the right to vote only excepted; and any person contributing one hundred ($100) dollars shall be an Henorary Life Director of the Board of Managers, with full freedom to its deliberations, the right to vote only excepted.

ART. VI. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Statistical Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor. There shall likewise be twenty-seven Directors, one-third of whom, after the first election, shall be elected annually. These officers and Directors shall constitute the Board of Managers, of which the President shall be *ex-officio* the Chairman, and the Recording Secretary the Clerk. All elections shall be by ballot. At the first election of Directors they shall be chosen in classes, the term of the first to expire at the term of the annual meeting—May, 1882; the second, May, 1883; the third, May, 1884. One-third of the Directors shall be laymen. Nine of the Board of Managers shall be a quorum. The Board shall have power to fill all vacancies, to hold office until the next annual election.

ART. VII. The Board shall meet immediately on the adjournment of the Convention, and appoint from its number an Executive Committee of seven, who shall have charge of the missionary work of the Convention, appoint and commission all missionaries, and appropriate all money. One of its number shall represent the northern and one the southern part of the State. Five shall be elected with reference to facility for business. The Treasurer of the Convention shall be a member *ex-officio* of the Executive Committee. A semi-annual meeting of the Board shall be held as it shall direct. It shall hold a meeting as early in the day as possible, preliminary to the anniversary, to listen to the report of the Executive Committee, and act thereon; a duplicate of which, in writing, shall be presented to the annual meeting, and thereafter published in the minutes.

ART. VIII. The Executive Committee shall appoint committees at its first meeting following the anniversary session, from the ministry and laity of the State, of three members each, upon Foreign Missions, Publication Society, Sunday School, and Educational Work, whose duty it shall be to attend to the interests of each of these departments of denominational life in California, to awaken sentiment, to stimulate benevolence, to collect facts as the Executive Committee may require, and to present a careful report of their work to the annual meeting.

ART. IX. Local Baptist Associations of the State are urged to become auxiliaries to the General Convention, each by the appointment of a Missionary Committee to co-operate with the Executive Committee of the Convention in State work. Associations so co-operating may appoint three delegates to the Convention. Recommendation by these Associations of any man to represent their field shall be duly considered in the annual election of the Board of Managers.

ART. X. Any Baptist organization in California, honored by the Convention in their religious and educational work, may hold organic relation to it by the appointment of one delegate for every such organization, and provision shall be made for the consideration of the claims of such organizations at the annual meeting.

ART. XI. This Convention will co-operate with all our National Baptist Societies.

ART. XII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of all delegates present, notice of such change having been given at the previous annual meeting, and published in the minutes. Such alteration and amendment may be made at any annual meeting on the unanimous recommendation of the Board, and adoption by a three-fourths vote.

BY-LAWS.

I. An half hour devotional meeting shall precede each evening and morning session.

II. After singing and prayer, the President shall appoint a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee on the Roll, and a Committee for the Nomination of Officers.

III. The letter or address of the entertaining church shall then be received.

IV. After the annual sermon or address, the annual collection for State work shall be taken.

V. Following a report from the Enrollment Committee, the report from the Committee on the nomination of Officers shall be made, and the organization of the Convention effected.

VI. The annual report of the Board shall be read, and addresses pending its adoption shall be made.

VII. Further committees shall be appointed by the President:
First—On Important Subjects of the Report.
Second—On the Nomination of Directors.
Third—On Place and Appointment for Next Session.
Fourth—On Obituaries.

VIII. The roll of delegates shall be called, if desired by any three of their number.

IX. Motions, if requested, shall be made in writing, and if lost shall not be published in the minutes, unless ordered by the Convention; if a member oppose the discussion of any motion or resolution, the President shall put the question: "Shall this question (or resolution) be discussed?" and the majority shall determine without debate.

X. All differences of opinion shall be treated with due consideration, patience and love. All personal reflection shall be avoided. Appeals from the decisions of the Chair may be made, in which case the appeal shall be decided without debate.

XI. The Recording Secretary may appoint an assistant at his pleasure. He shall call all meetings, and keep an account of the doings of the Convention and of the Board of Managers.

XII. The Statistical Secretary shall prepare, as best he may, by correspondence with clerks of Churches and of Associations, an itemized account

of their religious and material prosperity, and tabulate the same, by Associations, in the minutes.

XIII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the money of the Convention, and make disbursements on the order of the President and Secretary of the Board.

XIV. State work shall have special, but not exclusive claims to consideration in this Convention. The reports of not more than fifteen minutes in length as a rule, of the Special Committees appointed by the Executive Committee, shall be followed by addresses and discussions. These reports and discussions, being of immediate practical relations to denominational life and work, shall have preference to sermons in the programme of arrangements.

XV. These Committees on Sunday Schools, Education, Publication Society, Home and Foreign Missions, are provisionally appointed a year in advance, that they may faithfully superintend the interests of their departments, and go up to the annual meeting with reports on the same for the consideration of all Baptists in the State.

XVI. Any Baptist Church in California or Nevada, holding the general faith and practice of the denomination, may become, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates at any annual meeting, a member of this Convention; provided, that if, before the motion is put, any two churches of the Convention, by their delegates, oppose such application, the same shall first be referred to an impartial committee with instructions to report at the order of the Convention.

XVII. Before the adjournment of the Convention, provision shall be made for the publishing of the minutes, inclusive of the Church, Sunday School, Associational and Benevolent statistics of the denomination.

XVIII. These By-Laws may be altered or amended in the same manner as provided for in the Constitution.

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

OF

THE GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF

CALIFORNIA.

FIRST DAY.

LOS ANGELES, May 6th, 1885.

The Convention assembled this day at 7.30 P. M., with the First Baptist Church of this city.

President B. C. Wright, of San Francisco, occupied the chair.

Opening Hymn—"Beulah Land."

I've reached the land of corn and wine,
And all its riches freely mine;
Here shines undimmed one blissful day,
For all my night is passed away.

A sweet perfume upon the breeze
Is borne from ever vernal trees,
And flowers that never fading grow
Where streams of life forever flow.

Prayer—Rev. Wm. H. Pendleton, D. D.

The chairman appointed committees as follows:

On Enrollment—Rev. J. S. Jesse, Rev. J. C. Jordan, and J. R. Bennett.

On Arrangements—Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Rev. S. B. Morse, and J. W. Parker, D. D.

On Nominations—Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, J. C. McCoy, and E. R. Stockwell.

Rev. P. W. Dorsey then delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the entertaining church, and President Wright responded on behalf of the Convention.

In consequence of the absence of Rev. H. A. Sawtelle, D. D., who was to have preached the annual sermon, and his alternate, Rev. F. S. Lawrence, also, the Committee on Arrangements presented a partial report, appointing Rev. D. W. T. Van Doren, of San Francisco, to preach the sermon.

Hymn—"Jesus, Lover of my Soul."

Prayer—Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D.

Rev. D. W. T. Van Doren, of the Fifth Baptist Church, of San Francisco, preached the sermon, from the text, Malachi, 3d chapter, 10th verse:

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts; if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to rec·ive it."

The annual collection for State work was then taken, amounting to $16.95.

The Committee on Enrollment, through its chairman, Rev. J. S. Jesse, reported twenty-one churches and three associations represented by delegates, and eight applications for membership. These were subsequently added to the roll, of which the following is a copy:

First, San Francisco—Rev. W. M. Kincaid, Mrs. B. C. Wright, Mrs. C. S. Capp, Mrs. B. R. Boynton, and Mrs. F. D. Conro.

Fifth, San Francisco—Rev. D. W. T. Van Doren, Mr. P. D. Code, and Mrs. P. D. Code.

Zion, San Francisco—J. R. Bennett, Mrs. J. R. Bennett.

Church of the Pilgrims, San Francisco—Rev. Wm. H. Pendleton, D. D., Mrs. W. H. Pendleton.

Chinese, San Francisco—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D.

First, Oakland—Rev. E. H. Gray, D D., Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Miss Ella Dearborn, and Granville D. Abbott.

East Oakland—Rev. S. B. Morse, Mrs. S. B. Morse, S. Evans, Mrs. S. Evans, Rev. O. C. Wheeler, L. L. D.

First Alameda—J. S. Bennett.

First, Dixon—Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, Mrs. H. E. McCune, Mrs. S. Silvey.

First, Sacramento—Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D.

Calvary, Sacramento—Rev. A. C. Herrick, W. R. Strong.

First, Woodland—Rev. J. S. Jesse.

First, Wheatland—Rev. T. H. Stevens.

First, Stockton—Deacon E. R. Stockwell, Mrs. C. R. Ralph.

First, Santa Cruz—Mrs. Z. N Goldsby.

First, Fresno—Rev. J. C. Jordan.

First, Riverside—Rev. Chas. Button, Mrs. Chas. Button, J. Allen, M. D., and T. L. Magee, M. D.

First, San Diego—Rev. W. H. Stenger, Mrs. Spencer, Miss Hattie Spencer.

First, Santa Ana—Rev. A. M. Petty, Rev. D. P. Smith, D. D., J. C. McCoy, M. D., Rev. L. Cole, D. D.

First, Los Angeles—Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Rev. J. W. Parker, D. D., Rev. N. L. Rigby, Rev. Lyman Whitney, and Prof. Melville Dozier.

First, Gonzales—D. K. Edwards, Mrs. Edith Edwards.

Central Baptist Association—B. C. Wright.

Tulare Baptist Association—Rev. J. C. Jordan.

Pacific Baptist Association—Hon. H. E. McCune.

NEW CHURCHES.

Emanuel Baptist Church of San Jose—Deacon W. S. Irish, Mrs. E. W. Darling.

Los Gatos—G. R. Read.

Pasadena—Rev. S. S. Fisk, Mrs. S. S. Fisk, Rev. J. J. Woolsey, D. D.

Duarte—Rev. A. B. Tomlinson, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. K. M. Smith.

Downey—Rev. J. Clay, Rev. J. B. Toombs, D. D.

San Bernardino—Geo. Hissom.

Pomona—Rev. J. F. Moody, J. A. Driffil, J. L. Robertson.

Hopewell, Winters—Rev. V. Morris, Mrs. V. Morris.

The Committee on Nominations, through its chairman, Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, reported the following as nominees for offices for the ensuing year:

For President—Benj. C. Wright, of San Francisco.
For Vice-President—Hon. H. E. McCune, of Dixon, and Prof. Melville Dozier, of Los Angeles.
For Recording Secretary—Wm. B. Thompson, of San Francisco.
For Statistical Secretary—Rev. J. B. Hartwell.
For Treasurer—W. R. Strong.
For Auditor—P. D. Code.

Report adopted, and upon motion the Assistant Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the nominees. Ballot was so cast, and they were declared elected for the coming year.

The Secretary elect being absent, the Assistant Secretary, Rev. J. F. Moody, was chosen Secretary *pro tem.*

The Committee on Arrangements, through its Chairman, Rev. P. W. Dorsey, presented a partial report for Thursday, which, upon motion, was adopted.

Hymn—"Nearer my God to Thee."

Prayer—Rev. G. S. Bailey, D. D.

The Convention then adjourned to meet on the following morning at nine o'clock, for devotional service led by Rev. J. S. Jesse, and for business at half past nine.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, May 7th.

The Convention was called to order at half past nine o'clock by the President, B. C. Wright,.

Prayer—Rev. A. C. Herrick.

Hymn—"He Leadeth Me."

The following committees were then announced by the President:

On New Churches—Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Rev. J. C. Jordan, E. R. Stockwell.

On Nomination of Directors for 1888—Rev. A. M. Petty, W. R. Strong, and T. L. Magee, M. D.

On Place and Appointments for next Anniversary—Rev. W. M. Kincaid, Rev. W. M. Stenger, and P. D. Code.

On Obituaries—Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D., Rev. S. S. Fisk, D. K. Edwards.

The Committee on New Churches, through its chairman, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., presented a report which was adopted. President Wright then extended the right hand of fellowship to the representatives of the new churches.

Prayer by Rev. A. L. Cole, D. D.

On motion, all visitors present were requested to hand names to Secretery, and admitted to all the privileges of the Convention, except voting.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Managers, through its chairman, Capt. G. A. Hull, presented the annual report, which, after being read was on motion adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Brethren of the Board of the General Baptist Convention of California:

Your Executive Committee respectfully present their report of the work entrusted to their supervision for the year ending April 30, 1885.

The past year may be said to have been one of strengthening rather than of expansion; of rooting deeper and stronger rather than in planting new interests. Valuable additions have been made to our ministerial forces; much spiritual interest has been manifested; and great activity has been shown by the churches in providing new houses of worship, and in the liquidation of church indebtedness—much of which had been of long standing. Herein we recognize most valuable evidence of Christian activity,

and also, in the lifting of these burdens of debt from the churches, we see increased capabilities for more efficient work in the future in extending the bounds of missionary labors.

Harmony and Christian fellowship have been manifested throughout all the churches; and unity in plans, with earnestness in purpose, have been evident on every hand. For these we have great cause for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father. In them we recognize not only the strengthening of the bonds of Christian fellowship, but a great and necessary power for usefulness in carrying forward our denominational work in the State.

The Convention entered upon the present fiscal year with an indebtedness of $1,213.31 to the Home Mission Society, at New York. To meet this obligation, and to carry forward the work already in hand, required a greater amount of money than previous experience justified your Committee in expecting from the churches during the year. It was the expressed desire of the last Convention, at its meeting in Woodland, that the expenditures for the year—including the amount of the indebtedness to the Home Mission Society—should be brought within the probable amount of contributions for this work, that the year might be closed without debt. It was hoped by the Executive Committee that serious curtailment in the missionary work of the Convention might be avoided by presenting the necessities of the case to the churches, and thus securing, early in the year, increased contributions. A circular letter was prepared and sent to every church in the State, and appeals were also made through the columns of the *Herald of Truth;* but notwithstanding these efforts, it seemed to be necessary to curtail the operations of the work. Many applications for aid, from churches where assistance could have been worthily bestowed, had, therefore, to be denied, and the allotments to missionaries at other points reduced to the lowest possible limits. And yet we find, at the close of the year, there will still be a deficiency in our proportion of the aid authorized to our missionary brethren.

The amount of this deficiency will be shown by the Treasurer's report.

The Home Mission Board, in New York—notwithstanding the very pressing demands made upon its embarassed treasury from all parts of the country—has continued, as heretofore, its generous co operation with the work of the Convention upon the basis of our being responsible for one-third of the amount of the appropriations recommended. We cannot be too thankful for the breadth of vision that has enabled that Board to see the necessities of this important and growing field; nor for the faithfulness and promptness with which they have met the pecuniary obligations assumed by them to the missionaries recommended by your Executive Committee, notwithstanding we have been in arrears in our proportion of the allotments made.

The following missionaries have been in the field; some all, and others a part of the year:

Rev. W H. Latourette, under commission of last year—aid, $1,100—continued as missionary for Southern California until January 30, 1885. Brother Latourette rendered most excellent service in the field, and his

labors were greatly blessed. He reports a new field entered and church organized at Fall Brook; a church edifice erected and dedicated at Pomona, for which $2,600 were raised and reported last year, and $950 at the dedication last fall; leaving $500, at that time, to be provided for. For this amount, aid from the Home Mission Society's Building Fund was subsequently recommended by your Executive Committee. In May last, $1,250 were raised at Banning for a church building, which is so near completion that it is now occupied. Both of these churches have settled pastors, supported upon the field.

Rev. J. Fulton, continued at San Bernardino, under aid at $300, until September 30, 1885. He reported for the quarter ending June 30, 1884, nine baptisms, and one received by letter. No later report received.

Rev. J. S. Jessie, Wheatland, received $200 aid until October 30, 1884. No reports received.

Rev. S. S. Fisk, Pasadena, received aid at $300 per annum, until September 30, 1884, when your Committee recommended that aid be continued to the amount of $200 for one year. No reports received.

Rev. J. S. Bromley, St. Helena, received $400 aid until October 30, 1884. Brother Bromley rendered excellent service in this field, until obliged, on account of failing health, to relinquish his labors in this State. In his piety, earnestness, and consecration to his work, he was a valuable laborer, and his removal from the State was deeply regretted.

Aid has been continued to Rev. W. T. Fleenor, Trinity Church, Oakland, to the amount of $400. Brother Fleenor's labors have been greatly blessed to the strengthening of this church. Pastor and people are showing great energy, and a commendable spirit of self-sacrifice, in carrying forward the work of erecting a new church building, which they hope to have ready for dedication within a few weeks.

Rev. T. T. Potter continued his labors, under commission of last year—aid, $1,050—as missionary within the bounds of the Tulare Association, until his death, October 4, 1884. No reports were received from him; but excellent reports have been received of his faithfulness, and the efficiency of his work. In his death our cause has suffered a serious loss.

Rev. J. C. Jordan, Fresno, whose application was approved in April, 1884, has been receiving $300 from the Mission Board, and $600 from the field. The reports for the last two quarters show four baptisms and eight additions by letter. Value of church property, $3,000. During the quarter ending April 1, $1,900 were paid upon the church building now being erected. It is estimated that the cost of the lot and building when completed, will be $6 000. The building will probably be completed in June. This church has made liberal offerings during the year for missions and other benevolences, notwithstanding the burdens of its home work.

July, 1884, the application of the Vallejo church for aid to Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, was approved for $100. The reports of the last two quarters, ending March 31, show seven additions by letter and experience.

July 1, 1884, the app'ication of the church at Gonzales, for aid to Rev. S. C. Keetch, was approved for $100. Brother Keetch reports for quarter ending December 31, 1884, two received by baptism and five by letter. Paid on church debt, $250.

September, 1884, application from the San Diego church for $200, aid to Rev. W. H. Stenger, was endorsed. Brother Stenger reports for the two quarters ending February 28, six received by letter. Paid on repairing church building, $250. The debt on the building, stated in last annual report to be $900, has been reduced to $250.

November, 1884, the application of the church at St. Helena for aid to Rev. W. C. Spencer, was approved for $200. Brother Spencer preaches Sunday mornings and every other Sunday evening at St. Helena. Every alternate Sunday evening he preaches at Chiles' Valley, twelve miles distant.

November, 1884, the application of the Church at San Luis Obispo, for aid to Rev. W. A. Jarrel was approved for $200. Bro. Jarrel receives $400 on the field. His report for first quarter shows two additions by letter. Total membership, 22.

January, 1885, the application of the Duarte Church for aid to Rev. A. B. Tomlinson, was approved for $200.

March, 1885, the application of the Church at Los Gatos for aid to Rev. W. H. Latourette, was approved for six months for $200. We learn that this Church has contributed for the work of the Convention more than $2 per member, thus setting a worthy example to other churches.

April, 1885, the application of the Tulare Association for $400 aid to Rev. H. C. Adams, was approved for six months.

Rev. G. Lilijeroth has been for some time laboring under the appointment of the Home Mission Board of New York, among the Scandinavians in San Francisco and Oakland. A Scandinavian Church organization has been effected at Oakland of sixteen members, which shows much vitality. The question of the continuance of Bro. Lilijeroth in this work having been referred to your Executive Committee by the New York Board, the Committee April 20th, upon the application of the Scandinavian brethren, recommended that $400 aid be continued for six months. A contribution of $59 from these brethren appears in the receipts of the Home Mission Board for January.

Your Committee note with great pleasure the valuable work done during the past year among the Chinese within the bounds of the Convention by Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D. of San Francisco, Mrs. Bradway of Oakland, and Mrs T. T. Potter of Fresno. A full report of this important work will doubtless be presented to the Convention by Rev. Dr. Hartwell, the Superintendent of Chinese Missions for this Coast, appointed by the Home Mission Society at New York. It is a work which we commend most heartily to the sympathy of the churches.

Applications for aid from the Home Mission Building Fund have been endorsed for $500 each for the Churches at Pomona, Penryn and Fresno.

The total amount of aid recommended by your Committee during the year, including the Commissions continued from last year, is $3,876 for Missionary work. For church buildings, $1,500.

We are unable to give a fuller report of the work accomplished during the year, owing to the neglect of some of the Missionaries to furnish the reports required by the rules of the Convention.

The year's work is closed. Wherein there has been found faithfulness, we thank God; wherein there has been a lack of interest or a failure to meet responsibilities that might have been met under a proper sense of Christian obligation, let us pray for forgiveness, with the well formed purpose to be more faithful in the future.

What shall be the extent of the work undertaken during the next year is the question now to be considered. There are two factors only in this work —God's favor and man's faithfulness. The former is assured, the latter only is uncertain.

The demands of the field are growing daily more and more pressing. The immigration to the State, during the past year, has been large; and we may look for a still greater influx during the coming year, of those who intend to make this State their future home. Every new inhabitant and every dollar of increase of wealth imposes new responsibilities upon us. Important points, growing centers of influence, are yet unoccupied. Weak churches not now aided, need assistance until they are more firmly established; more ministerial labor is required, and it must be provided for. The work is great and important. It demands sacrifices, but it is worthy of sacrifices and of the best endeavors of ministers and laymen.

Our Treasurer's report, together with the amounts sent directly to the Board at New York, and not reported to the Treasurer of our Convention, will show that during the past year the contributions for this work have been in advance of any previous year of the Convention. For this increase we greatly rejoice and are thankful to our Heavenly Father; but the work demands larger offerings. Fifty per centum over this year's offerings ought to be expected. Seventy-five per centum is needed for the work, even upon the basis of our co-operation with the Home Mission Board.

In view of the pressure of demands from destitute fields, your Committee would here urge upon the Missionary Churches the importance of striving to be self-sustaining. If Providence has not given a Church the ability to care for its own needs, it is entitled to assistance, and should receive it. But if by the same sacrifice that is made by other churches to create the Mission Fund, churches can bear their own burdens, it is true independence for them so to do. More than this, it is lifting burdens from a fund already over-taxed, and which is sorely needed for regions of great destitution.

To carry forward the necessary Missionary work in our State, we need the prayers and sympathies of God's people, as well as pecuniary aid. These are vital to the work. If the hearts of the people are enlisted, the offerings needed will be cheerfully given.

To reach these desirable ends, your Committee would recommend that our Churches set apart one night in each month for prayer and conference on aggressive M ssionary work. Let the spirit of these meetings be as broad as the spirit of the Great Commission. Let them be occasions for furnishing information in regard to the necessities and progress of the work. Let provision be made for systematic giving, that the spirit of the brethren may find expression in substantial offerings.

No church should, of course, neglect its home work. Every church should aim to meet all its obligations honestly and promptly; for it must be a sound tree to bring forth sound fruit. But obligations to the weaker churches and to destitute regions, must not be forgotten nor neglected. The Scriptural law should be well understood by pastors and churches, that a concentration of all effort upon self or home interests, impairs the spiritual vision, dwarfs the moral stature, tends to poverty and paralyzes the energies of pastors and people alike. All over the land are found laymen and ministers, pastors and churches, who are in a great measure useless in the Master's vineyard, because they have neglected to observe the law of the Great Commission. Let us pray that in the future there may be none such within the bounds of this Convention.

It is the work of pastors to bring these truths home to the people, to instruct and to arouse—"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little."

Let all, then, ministers and laymen, be alive to the importance of this Missionary work. If prosecuted with vigor, it means the overcoming of sin; it means protection to homes and communities; it means an active and consecrated laity and an energetic and living ministry; it means life, and strength, and purity, and prevailing power in the churches.

G. A. HULL,
Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The following Committees were appointed by the President:

On Important Subjects in the Report—Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., W. H. Pendleton, D. D., J. B. Hartwell, D. D., Rev. Charles Button, and H. E. McCune.

On "Herald of Truth"—Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D., Rev. S. B. Morse, J. C. McCoy.

On Resolutions—Rev. A. C. Herrick, Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, and Prof. M. Dozier.

The Treasurer, W. B. Strong, Esq., of Sacramento, presented his annual report which, upon motion, was adopted and ordered placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. R. Strong, Treasurer, in account with General Baptist Convention of California;

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Cash balance on hand	$7 30
Collection at Convention	16 60
For publication of Minutes	44 50
Santa Cruz Church	7 15
Penryn Church	20 00
Calvary Church, Sacramento	112 15
Woodland Church	31 50
Gonzales Church	20 00
Vacaville Church	6 50
Pasadena Church	5 25
Lakeport Church	13 00
Santa Ana Church	16 85
Dixon Church	125 00
Women's Mission, Dixon	18 25
Trinity Church, Oakland	35 00
Vallejo Church	15 00
Santa Clara Church	10 00
First Church, San Francisco	43 35
First Church Sabbath School, San Francisco	45 00
East Oakland Church	46 00
Women's Home Mission Society	187 55
Sacramento River Association	35 20
Central Baptist Association	6 60
Rev. G. S. Abbott	5 00
First Church, Stockton	162 05
First Church, Oakland	45 36
Maxwell Church	27 80
Scandinavian Mission	29 50
Santa Barbara Church	14 50
Oakland Chinese Mission	4 90
Riverside Church	20 00
Mrs. Z. L. Orcutt, San Jose	5 00
Zion Church, San Francisco	3 75
First Church, Los Angeles	290 00
Los Gatos Church	70 80
Wheatland Church	25 00
Emanuel Church, San Jose	10 00
Downey Church	7 46
First Church, Sacramento	61 50
Pomona Church	55 00
San Diego Church	4 00
Total	$1,689 87

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Cash to A. B. H. M. Society, N. Y.	$1,575 15
Paid for Minutes 1884	41 50
Stationery for S. B. Morse	8 50
Exchange on N. Y. drafts	3 85
Cash balance on hand	60 87
Total	$1,689 87

Remarks were made by Revs. Petty, Morse, Garnett, Button, and Deacon McCune. Rev. P. W. Dorsey read telegram from Dr. Morehouse, announcing that the appropriation by the Home Mission Society to California would be reduced 30 per cent. in the future.

On motion, the President appointed Revs. P. W. Dorsey, W. H. Stenger, and S. S. Fisk as a special committee to compile in form all contributions to the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned for twenty minutes to allow the Woman's Home Mission Society of California to hold a session.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Dr. E. H. Gray, the meeting was called to order by the Treasurer, Mrs. S. B. Morse, who presented the work in an earnest and enthusiastic manner. Attention was called to the annual meeting of the Society held in the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, on the 30th of April. This was a new thing for the Society, as heretofore it has been content to take an hour of the Convention time for such a meeting. The change was commended, and the all-day meeting was a success. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Dr. Gray, and several interesting papers were read by the ladies, and a number of pastors made addresses. Mrs. Morse, in conclusion, bespoke the interest of all in the Woman's Home Mission Society, and then called on Mrs. P. W. Dorsey to tell her experience in the formation of Mission Bands among the children. This was a practical talk of what had been done by the speaker, and how she had managed to interest the children. The impression was favorable to that kind of work, and several resolved to establish Mission Bands in connection with the Society. The meeting then adjourned.

The Committee on Important Subjects in Report, through its Chairman, Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the General Baptist Convention of California:

Your Committee on Important Subjects in the Report of the Executive Committee respectfully submit the following:

1. That we recognize with gratitude the liberality of the Home Missionary Society in continuing aid to us on so liberal a basis as $1.40 to every one sent by us, notwithstanding the financial strain upon the Society of a debt of $118,000, and that this should incite us of California to increased liberality.

2. Report calls for addition of seventy-five per cent. to our contributions. Mr. Button recommended that the Convention instruct the Ex-Committee to estimate the amount of our probable appropriations for the coming year, add to this the deficit of the past year, and apportion this amount among the churches belonging to the Convention, according to their judgment of each church's ability, and request each church to raise for the Home Mission Society at least the amount of the apportionment.

3. We recommend that the Convention urge the mission churches to become self-supporting at the earliest possible day. The feeling of your Committee is, that unless in exceptional cases, three years should be the limit of time during which mission aid should be extended.

4. We regard the recommendation of the report that one Prayer-meeting each month be devoted to missions as important, and urge its adoption.

5. We regret to hear that the resolution of last year in regard to reporting, through the Treasurer of the Convention, all collections for Home Mission work, has failed of its object, and now recommend the Convention to reassert it in the strongest terms.

On motion, the report was laid upon the table until 4 o'clock.

The President called for remarks from Missionaries and parties who have been or are now serving churches aided by the Convention, and the following brethren responded: Revs. W. H. Stenger, San Diego; J. F. Moody, Pomona; S. S. Fisk, Pasadena; T. H. Stephens, Wheatland; J. Clay, Downey; A. B. Tomlinson, Duarte.

Remarks were also made by Drs. Gray, Baily, Toombs, Rigby, and others.

The Committee on Arrangements made a supplemental report, which was adopted.

Hymn—"Faith is a Living Power from Heaven."

Prayer by Rev. T. H. Stephens.

Convention adjourned till half past 1 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At half-past one, President Wright called the Convention to order.

Hymn—"O Where are the Reapers?"

Prayer—Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D.D.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Tolman, of Chicago, was allowed twenty minutes in which to present the subject of Foreign Missions and the claims of the American Baptist Missionary Union.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to permit the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, of California, to hold a session in interest of their work.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. C. S. Capp.

Hymn—"The Morning Light is Breaking."

Prayer—Mrs. Barber.

Short papers on practical topics were read by Mrs. P. W. Dorsey, Mrs. Perry, Miss Ames, Mrs. Ralph, Mrs. Charles Button and Mrs. B. C. Wright. Remarks on the papers were made by a number of pastors and laymen.

In conclusion, the Treasurer, Mrs. B. C. Wright, gave a summary of the last annual report, showing that every dollar contributed by circles and individuals for the work of the society had gone directly to the field, and that the small current expenses had been more than met by the collections taken up at the annual and quarterly meetings.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Convention reassembled and the Committee on *Herald of Truth*, through its chairman, Rev. A. J. Frost, presented the following report:

REPORT ON "HERALD OF TRUTH."

To the General Baptist Convention of California:

Your Committee on *Herald of Truth* would respectfully submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The *Herald of Truth* has a most honorable record for the past six years in its fidelity to its own name, its loyalty to the denomination and its advocacy of all measures for the welfare of Christ's cause.

WHEREAS, The Editor of the *Herald of Truth*, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., has for all these years given his services as Editor and proprietor without a dollar of remuneration.

WHEREAS, The Editor, in order to furnish this, our only denominational paper, to the Baptists of California, has actually paid out of his own pocket $300 more than he has received.

WHEREAS, The *Herald of Truth* has become indispensable to our work in the State, and is furnished to us at a very reasonable cost.

Resolved, That the General Baptist Convention of California owes it to Dr. Abbott to provide ways and means at once to relieve him of this financial embarrassment, and to provide against future contingencies.

Resolved, That we recommend each pastor to assist in enlarging its circulation, collecting arrearages, and soliciting renewals in his own church and congregation.

Resolved, That we recommend each church to appoint its own correspondent, thus making the paper more effective in imparting to its readers desirable information.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Abbott for his untiring service, his impartial and courteous treatment of both the contributors and patrons of the *Herald of Truth*.

On motion of Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D., the Convention resolved to make an effort to liquidate the indebtedness of the *Herald of Truth*, and subscriptions and pledges were secured amounting to $200.

At 4 o'clock, the President announced as the special order of the hour, the report of the Committee on Important Subjects in the report of Executive Committee.

Remarks were made by Revs. J. H. Garnett, J. J. Woolsey, D. D., J. B. Hartwell, D. D., O. C. Wheeler, D. D., E. H. Gray, D. D., and Deacons McCune and Code.

Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Statistical Secretary, presented his anuanl report, which, on motion, was adopted. (See appendix.)

On motion, a special committee, consisting of Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Hon. H. E. McCune, B. C. Wright, E. H. Gray, D. D., and Rev. S. B. Morse, was appointed to revise and eliminate the list of Baptist ministers, and report to the Statistical Secretary.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay to Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., his expenses in collecting statistics.

Prof. Dozier, in behalf of the Board of Professors of the State Normal School, invited the Convention to attend the opening session of the school, on Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

By vote, the Convention accepted the invitation.

Hymn—"Work, for the Night is Coming."

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tolman.

The Convention adjourned till half-past 7 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President. A large audience was present.

Hymn—"All hail the power of Jesus' name."

Prayer—Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D.

The Committee on Publication Society, through its chairman, Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

To the General Baptist Convention of California:

The American Baptist Publication Society was organized as a Tract Society in Washington City, D. C., just sixty years ago. Afterwards it was removed

to its present location, Philadelphia, Pa., where, under the blessing of God and with the most judicious business management, it has grown to the giant proportions of to-day. The total issues of the Society since its organization up to May, 1884, were 209,609,510 copies of books, tracts and periodicals, equal to 7,758,018,805 18 mo. pages.

The work of the society in both the character and the cost of its publications will compare most favorably with the works of any similar society in the land. The character of its work already has its praise in all the churches. As to the cost of our publications, there exists some difference of sentiment, and your committee wishes to quote from a private letter written to the Chairman of the committee, by the wise and honored Secretary of the society, Dr. Benjamin Griffith. He writes: "To make a fair comparison, the publications of the society, *as a whole*, must be compared with the entire list of other publishers, or at least, the whole of given classes of publications must be compared; and doing this, I can prove to any unprejudiced men, that the society's books are priced from twenty to twenty-five per cent. less than are the like books of publishers generally. *This I have done*, and this others have done for us lately without our asking."

The business of the society was never so great in California as in the past year. In no year have our people so generally patronized the publications of the society, and there can now be had on this coast a discount of twenty per cent. upon the society's publications.

The entire beneficence of the churches is extended in the Missionary and Bible departments. These departments last year received generous consideration. The Bible work had more extensive aid than ever before. In California there was more raised in each department than in any of three years of the society's work here, the amount of contributions for both being upwards of $600.

Rev. Dr. Granville S. Abbott, the Society's Depositary for California, has been kept busily engaged during the year. He has visited every Association in the State, except one, and in all these a collection has been taken for his work. He held in October a most interesting and profitable Sunday-school Institute at Dixon, in connection with the Pacific Association.

Your committee would recommend (1) that our churches and Sunday-schools earnestly and liberally observe the *special days* appointed by the the Society. The proceeds of the Bible and Children's Day last year netted more than $19,000. There should be a hearty response to the call for "Children's Day," the second Sunday in June of this year; (2) that the American Baptist Publication Society share with our other great organizations in the beneficence of our churches in their stated contributions. and that pastors notify Dr. Abbott as soon as practicable, as to the time when these collections will be taken; (3) That Dr. Abbott be encouraged by invitations from pastors and Sunday schools to hold Institutes over the State; (4) That we record our appreciation of the indefatigable and vastly successful efforts of Dr. G. J. Johnson in his twenty-one years of service for the society, and our profound regret that he has felt constrained to bring these services to a close.

Rev. J. H. Garnett also read a very interesting letter from Dr. Griffith, in regard to the publications of the Society.

Rev. G. S. Abbott introduced the work of the Sunday schools and spoke upon the subject. Addresses were also made by Rev. Dr. Pendleton, of San Francisco, Rev. J. F. Moody, of Pomona, Revs. A. M. Petty and J. C. Jordan.

Hymn—"I Love to Tell the Story."

Prayer—Rev. W. M. Kincaid, of San Francisco.

The Convention adjourned until half past eight o'clock, Friday morning.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, May 8th.

The Convention was called to order at half-past 8 A. M., President in the Chair.

Hymn—"Sweet hour of prayer."

Prayer—Rev. J. J. Woolsey, D. D.

On motion, a recess was taken, to attend the opening session of the State Normal School.

The Convention re-assembled at 9.45 A. M.

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted the following report, by its Chairman, Rev. A. C. Herrick:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the General Baptist Convention of California:

The Great Commission of our Lord and Master was: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." As the whole world has been opened for the entrance of the glorious gospel of the blessed God, it is the duty of the church of Christ to enter and possess the land. God has greatly blessed us as a denomination in our work of carrying his word among the heathen nations, and is blessing us. During the last year 11,000 have united with our Baptist Churches in foreign mission fields. The gift and

transfer of the Congo Mission, with its several stations and with property valued at $150,000, have been made to the American Baptist Missionary Union.

Resolved, That the Monthly Concert of Prayer for Foreign Missions should be observed by our churches.

Resolved, That every Baptist Church in our State should aim to give systematically to the grand cause of sending the gospel to every creature. Respectfully submitted.

The Committee on Nomination of Directors for class expiring 1888, reported through its chairman, Rev. A. M. Petty, the following as nominees: Revs. J. F. Moody, D. D., W. T. Van Doren, J. S. Jesse, T. H. Stenger, A. M. Petty, W. H. Pendleton, and Bros. G. A. Hull, Cory R. Smith, and J. R. Bennett. For the vacancy in the class of 1886, caused by the removal from the State of Rev. H. A. Sawtelle, D. D., J. Herndon Garnett was nominated. Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D., was nominated for the vacancy in class of 1887, caused by death of Rev. H. I. Parker, D. D.

Report of Committee was adopted, and on motion, Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D., cast the ballot in favor of all the nominees, and they were declared elected.

The Committee on Place and Appointments for next Anniversary, reported the First Baptist Church, San Francisco, as the place, and Rev. P. W. Dorsey to preach the Convention Sermon, with Rev. A. C. Herrick, of Sacramento, as alternate. Report was adopted.

The Cenvention took a recess for twenty minutes to allow the Chinese Missionary Society to hold its annual session. Rev. S. B. Morse, the President, assumed the chair. Upon motion, the officers for the past year were re-elected for the coming year. After a short address by Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., upon the work of the past year, Rev. J. Herndon Garnett presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

BAPTIST CHINESE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Resolved, That this Convention recognize the wisdom of the Home Mission Society in undertaking the management of missions to the Chinese in America, and in appointing Dr. Hartwell as Superintendent of this work.

Resolved, That we pledge to Dr. Hartwell, and through him to the Home Mission Society, our cordial sympathy and co-operation in this department of their work.

Resolved, That we recommend the churches in the State to make missions to the Chinese in America one of the regular objects of benevolence.

The Committee on Obituaries submitted, by its Chairman, Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D.D., the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

IN MEMORIAM.

To the General Baptist Convention of California:

Your Committee on Obituaries respectfully report that during the past year three of our wise and good ministers have been called to a Heavenly home.

Rev. H. I. Parker, D.D., was born in Vermont in 1812. At an early day the power of Divine grace enlarged the ardent spirit of the youth into the devout and earnest Christian. He graduated from Harvard University and Newton Theological Seminary with distinguished honors, and immediately entered upon the sacred work. The fruits of that work in Vermont, in Wisconsin, in Minnesota, in California, have been the education of youth, the establishment of churches, the erection of sanctuaries, the founding of colleges and the conversion of a multitude of souls to the kingdom of God.

After a toilsome life of more than threescore years and ten, a life by no means free from great trials, he continued to do valiant service for Christ, and substantial results of his labors adorn this sunny land where roses never fade. While on his way to an appointment to preach, he was compelled to stop at the house of a fellow disciple, where, after eleven days of extreme suffering, with every buckle of his harness still bright, with his closing eye and dying breath, he whispered to his dear ones, "All is right—all is right!"

On the 6th of October, 1884, Rev. T. T. Potter died at Fresno, after eight days' illness, aged 48 years. He was born in Rhode Island and reared under the influences of morality and virtue, so characteristic of that State. The years of his scholastic education were closed at Morgan Park, where his career had guaranteed strong hopes of a useful, honored future—hopes which were fully realized by every step in his after life. But at the meridian of life, he fell at his post, with constitution broken down and vital powers exhausted, a striking example of the results of *overwork*. He has left a pathway behind him everywhere strewn with flowers, everywhere studded with monuments of fidelity and efficiency. Earnest and patient, honored and beloved, he was indeed a faithful servant of God.

Rev. John Francis was born in Wales, nearly three-quarters of a century ago. He became converted at an early age and commenced studying for the ministry. In the whole course of his work his life prominently illustrated the declaration, "The love of Christ constraineth us"—that he was every-

where recognized as a potent magnet of peace, harmony and reconciliation. While on his way from his study to his home the hand of Divine love was laid upon his stalwart frame and all that was mortal remained while his soul winged its flight to the Heavenly mansions.

It is seldom that we are called upon to mourn the loss of three laborers in one year. But while our loss is great we are blessed with a brilliant array of worthy example. The Lord reigneth, and we know He doeth all things well. Faithful soldiers of the cross, hail and farewell! Thy words and deeds will enthrone loving memories in the hearts of men; thy labors are ended; thy crowns are won.

The Committee on Education, through its Chairman, Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D., presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

To the General Baptist Convention of California:

The Baptists of California are confronted with the ever-important question of providing for the higher education of their youth. The question is before us to-day in a new and more practical shape. Hitherto we have dealt more particularly with educational theories and rival plans. We are now cal'ed on to reduce theories to *practice*, and to *execute* plans already settled and accepted. The recent purchase of a beautiful site for a Baptist College, located in the beautiful city of Oakland, eminently beautiful in situation, and every way desirable for our purpose, presents the question in its present new and practical phase. Twenty thousand dollars, generously donated in equal parts by Mrs. Dr. E. H. Gray and Mr. Sessions, both of Oakland, have been well and wisely expended in this new purchase. A debt of obligation to these liberal donors, who have thus inaugurated a new departure, full of promise for the future, has been incurred, which will be felt and acknowledged by the denomination for so long as our Baptist youth shall be graduated thence into the activities of both secular and denominational life, rich in all needful culture, and rooted and grounded in our distinctive Baptist faith.

One condition has been imposed, demanding an immediate and serious consideration. The property is ours for educational purposes, provided a suitable building shall be erected thereon within two years of the time of purchase. The practical question now before us is the meeting of this wisely imposed condition. The College Trustees need at once the sum of $15,000—the first installment of what it is hoped and believed will yet be an adequate endowment of a Baptist educational institution that will meet all the needs of this Pacific Coast. The demand of the hour, is the call of God. It is a call for the immediate dedication of a small portion of our Baptist wealth. The altar is ready. The officiating priest is none other than the Lord and author of our distinctive faith himself. Let the offering be brought. Heaven approves, and succeeding generations will rise to call the donors blessed.

Evangelization and education should go hand in hand. However great and pressing the claims of one may be to-day, they are supplemented by those of the other equally pressing and equally important.

Your Committee may not be required, in this report, to formulate any plan. Yet we will venture to suggest that the required sum be divided into three parts. The one to be assigned to the two cities of the bay; another to the two great valleys of the Sacramento and the San Joaquin; and the third to this prosperous southern section.

On motion of Rev. G. S. Abbott, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the General Baptist Convention of California honor the call by the Trustees of California College for Educational Mass Meetings in Oakland and San Francisco, on April 7th, and also the Constitution adopted by the meeting on that day.

The Committee on Resolutions, through its Chairman, Rev. A. C. Herrick, presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

To the General Baptist Convention of California:

Resolved, 1st, That we express our appreciation of the services of Dr. G. S. Abbott and Mr. W. H. Barnes in securing for members of the Convention special railroad favors, and to Southern Pacific Railroad for most favorable rates from central California and return.

2d, Whereas, the General Baptist Convention of California, unusually large in delegates from all parts of the State, is about to close its fourth Anniversary Session; therefore, *Resolved*, That the grateful appreciationof this body be recorded of the hearty welcome and bounteous hospitality tendered to it by the pastor and people of the First Baptist Church and the citizens of Los Angeles, and that we hope in our departure to leave it a large due blessing by our acceptance of the same.

3d, *Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be extended to our President, B. C. Wright, Esq., for his impartial, kind and prompt management of the meetings of this Convention.

4th, That we express our thanks to the city press for their consideration in publishing full proceedings of this Convention.

5th, Whereas, the most gigantic evil of all time—greater far than war, pestilence and famine combined—is increasing more rapidly than the population of this country and also threatens the very life of our Republic; whereas, California, by virtue of its wine growing interests, is destined to be the scene

of fiercest battle at no distant day between the rum power and united forces of temperance; whereas, all temperance societies and temperance legislation in the past, while doing great good, have failed to throttle this gigantic monster, whose coils are tightening around us every day:

Resolved, That the Baptists of California desire, without regard to political parties, to place themselves squarely in favor of *prohibiting* the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, not only by statutory legislation but by the still stronger arm of constitutional law.

Respectfully submitted.

On motion, the President and Statistical Secretary were appointed to assist the Secretary in preparing the minutes for publication.

On motion, the Constitution and By-Laws were ordered to be printed with the minutes.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, President Wright made a few appropriate remarks, and announced as the closing hymn:

To the work! to the work!
We are servants of God,
Let us follow the path
That our Master has trod;
With the balm of His counsel
Our strength to renew,
Let us do with our might
What our hands find to do.

Closing prayer was offered by Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., and the Convention adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church in San Francisco on Wednesday, May 5th, 1886, at 7.30 P. M.

WM. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.

B. C. WRIGHT, President.

REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

ORGANIZATIONS.

Name.	President or Moderator.	Secretary.	Treasurer.	No. Chs.
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Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society	Mrs. E. H. Gray Oakland.	Mrs. G. E. Davis —— St., S. F.	Mrs. S. B. Morse East Oakland.	.....
Baptist Chinese Missionary Society	Rev. S. B. Morse East Oakland.	Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D. 1708 Leavenworth St., S. F.	H. Garthwaite, Esq. Oakland.	.....
Central Baptist Association	Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D. Oakland.	Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D. 1708 Leavenworth St., S. F.	P. D. Code, Esq 314 Washington St., S. F.	20
Clear Lake Baptist Association	Rev. S. L. Sanford Ukiah.	Rev. D. T. Taylor Upper Lake.	R. P. White, Esq Upper Lake.	11
Eastern Baptist Association	Rev. J. D. Bonner Willow Ranch.	Rev. P. J. Spoon Janesville, Lassen Co.	T. M. Barham Janesville.	6
Los Angeles Baptist Association	Rev. S. S. Fisk Pasadena.	Rev. J. F. Moody Pomona.	W. H. Pendleton, Jr Downey.	15
Pacific Baptist Association	Rev. J. B. Saxton, D. D. Vacaville.	Rev. J. Herndon Garnett Dixon.	Robert Crane Santa Rosa.	10
Sacramento River Baptist Association	Rev. J. E. Barnes Chico.	Rev. A. M. Johnson Willows.	Rev. A. Swena Henleyville.	19
Santa Barbara Baptist Association	Rev. H. E. Adams Hanford.	Rev. J. Lambuth Santa Barbara.	F. Griffin, Esq.	8
Tulare Baptist Association	Rev. B. Ogle Hanford.	M. S. Featherstone, Esq Visalia.	M. P Troxler, Esq Hanford.	7
Unassociated Churches	.....	.....	.....	20
Trustees of California College	Hon. H. E. McCune Dixon.	Rev. J. Herndon Garnett Dixon.	J. C. Merrifield Dixon.	.....
Baptist Educational Society of California	Rev. G. S Abbott, D. D. Oakland.	W. B, Thompson 18 13th St., S. F.	J. R. Bennett S. F.	.....

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARIES.

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SUMMARY.

MISSIONARIES IN CALIFORNIA.

Associational Missionaries..... 1	Superintendent Chinese Missions. 1
Missionary Pastors.....11	Missionaries to Chinese..... 6

MINISTERS.

Ordained Ministers.....146	Licentiates..... 12
In denominational work 77	In Theological Seminaries..... 2

ASSOCIATIONS AND CHURCHES.

Associations 8	Churches reported to Statistical Secretary 42
Unassociated Churches.....20	Total number of Churches.....116
Churches organized.....13	

MEMBERSHIP.

Baptized during the year..... 287	Net gain..... 516
Total gain.....921	Total membership.....5,426
Total loss..... 405	

PROPERTY.

Value of property.....$317,655	Improve'ts during the year..$15,556
Indebtedness 37,886	Seating capacity..... 14,380

WORSHIP.

Average attendance upon preaching.....3,865	Annual cost of worship.....$48,654

BENEVOLENCES.

Foreign Missions.....	$678 16	A. B. Publication Society.	$603 88
Home Missions.....	1,792 69	Other benevolences.....	1,206 98
Cal. Chinese Missions.....	515 50	Total benevolences.....	4,612 43
Higher Education.....	40 00		

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Baptist Sunday Schools.....	60	Average attendance of pupils.	2,788
Union Schools in connection with Baptist Churches.....	2	Volumes in libraries.....	4,860
		Value of libraries.....	$2,007
Officers and teachers (enrolled)	472	Annual expense of schools....	2,385
Average attendance of officers and teachers.....	452	Benevolences	1,133
		Schools using our denominational literature	29
Pupils (enrolled).....	3,600		